SECOND DAY—*Friday, 23rd October 1931.*

The House re-assembled at 12 NOON.

MR. M. C. LINGE GOWDA, on behalf of the members of the House, thanked His Highness the Maharaja for having graciously conferred the title of *Lokasevaniratha* on Mr. Kongadiappa, a member of the House. He eulogised the public services rendered by Mr. Kongadiappa for a number of years and congratulated him on his richly deserved title. Mr. Linge Gowda said that the example of Mr. Kongadiappa in his devotion to public service was worthy of being followed by other members of the Assembly.

MR. D. S. MALLAPPA associated himself with the sentiments expressed by the previous speaker.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—(*continued*).

MR. VEERASANJEEVA GOWDA (Closepet Taluk).—

Q.—5. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) When was M. S. Siddegowda, Teacher, Primary School, Gubbadi Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kankanhalli Taluk, appointed and on what pay; what are his qualifications and when did he undergo the Upper Secondary Training; on what dates and to which officers has he submitted representations for promotions; what action has been taken on them; why was he not given promotion as prayed for?

(*b*) How many candidates had appeared for the Upper Secondary Examination from the Bangalore District along with the said Siddegowda; what are their names and which of them secured a pass?

(*c*) Of the said candidates, did K. Ramasubbaiya secure a pass; what are his other qualifications and service; what is his present pay and what was he drawing before he appeared for the Upper Secondary Examination?

(*d*) What were the reasons for giving promotion to K. Ramasubbaiya although he had not passed the Upper

Secondary Examination and for denying the same to M. S. Siddegowda who has passed the examination ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—5. (*a*) M. S. Siddegowda was first appointed on the 22nd September 1919 on Rs. 15 per mensem. His qualifications are Kannada and English Lower Secondary, and Teachers' Certificate. Definite information as regards the date on which Siddegowda submitted his representations and the officers to whom the same were submitted is not available. It is reported that there were four representations from this teacher; two through the Chairman, Village Panchayet, and two through the President, District Board, and that these representations were noted for consideration.

(*b*) The following five candidates were selected for the Upper Secondary Course of 1928-29 and 1929-30 including Siddegowda :—

1. H. M. Bhairagiah.
2. P. N. Krishnamurthy .... Passed in A Group.
3. M. S. Siddegowda .... Pass.
4. R. Venkatamuni Setty. .... Passed in B Group.
5. K. Ramasubbaiya .... Passed in A Group.

(*c*) K. Ramasubbaiya passed only in Group A that year, and in the subsequent year passed the other group also. His other qualifications and service are, Kannada Lower Secondary and Teachers' Certificate with a service of over 12 years from the 14th July 1919. His present pay is Rs. 17 in grade Rs. 17—1—20 and he was drawing Rs. 17 when he appeared for the Upper Secondary Examination.

(*d*) Ramasubbaiya was senior to Siddegowda and had been drawing Rs. 17 from 1921 while Siddegowda had been drawing Rs. 17 from 1st June 1923.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. T. Madiah Gowda.—

When was Ramasubbaiya given the grade of Rs. 17—1—20 ? Was it before passing the examination or after ?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

The answer is given in the reply furnished.

Mr. T. Madiah Gowda.—

When was it given to Siddegowda ?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

We have no information. These things do not come to Government. We only get the information necessary to answer the question. You may ask the Director of Public Instruction.

Mr. Nilgiri G. Sanjeeviah.—

What is the criterion for giving promotions—is it seniority or qualification? Ramasubbaiya having passed later than Siddegowda, was not the former's promotion in preference to the latter against the rules ?

First Member of Council.—

There is no rule that promotion should be given only according to qualifications. Other considerations also have to be taken into account.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Is there any principle adopted in giving promotions ?

First Member of Council.—

There are recognised principles. They are seniority and qualification.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Is there a rule that only people with certain qualifications should get promotion ?

First Member of Council.—

There is no such rule.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Is there a rule that in the case of Non-Brahmins, even though they do not possess the required qualifications, they should be preferred provided they are otherwise fit for the place ?

First Member of Council.—

I do not think so.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

In this particular case, have you not given preference to seniority?

First Member of Council.—

Yes. Seniority and qualification are two points which have to be taken into consideration in deciding promotions. There are many people who have not passed this examination getting more pay. After all, these are small appointments. Mere passing an examination cannot be the sole criterion.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Why was encouragement by way of promotion not shown in this particular case?

First Member of Council.—

He has been given promotion. It is impossible to say why a man was promoted while another man was not. Government cannot answer that question. If you want to raise an issue, you can bring up a resolution.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Do the Government know that Siddegowda had better qualifications? If so, why were his claims overlooked?

First Member of Council.—

We cannot say.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

If the Government find that there is a mistake, will it be rectified?

First Member of Council.—

We cannot interfere now. Neither can we admit that there was a mistake.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Has not Siddegowda submitted representations for promotion?

First Member of Council.—

Please see the answer. It is stated that there were four representations from this teacher.

Mr. V. Venkatappa.—

Is a gradation list of these teachers maintained ?

First Member of Council.—

There is no provincial list. I think districtwar or rangewar lists are available.

Mr. V. Venkatappa.—

It is stated that Siddegowda submitted four representations. Was it not possible for Government to give him an endorsement ?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

An endorsement must have been given. We do not know.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

In giving promotion, will not Government take the question of efficiency into consideration ?

First Member of Council.—

Yes. They do.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

Does not higher qualification tend to better efficiency ?

First Member of Council.—

That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Cannot the Local Education Authority redress such grievances ?

First Member of Council.—

It may be done.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

On what pay was Ramasubbaiya entertained ?

First Member of Council.—

No information.